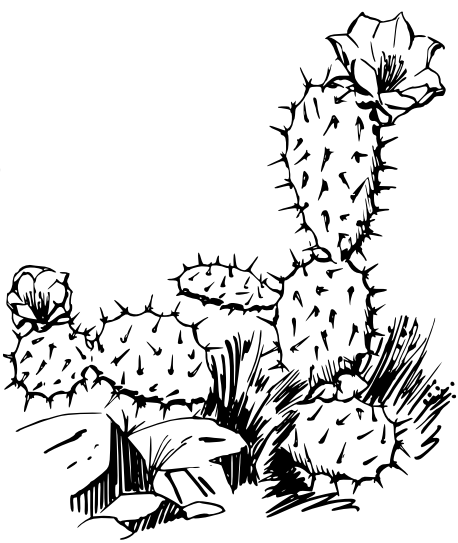
Worried you or your loved ones will be taken by ICE in Arizona?

Don’t panic! Prepare!

Here’s how to make a plan.



You can prepare now to help secure the safety of you and your loved ones.

Disclaimer: this guide was **not made by a lawyer.** When in doubt, always follow advice from your legal representation.

This guide was created in January 2026 specifically for people in Arizona, but the general advice applies to all states. For similar resources as the AZ-focused ones listed here, search similar terms with your state.

For example, search:

- *free legal resources immigration STATE*
- *what to do if ICE shows up STATE*
- *list of consulates STATE*

Read this guide if you're:

- Concerned about being detained/deported by ICE
- Part of a support system of someone concerned
- An ally looking to support

Checklist:

- [ ] Gather your support network.
- [ ] Find legal support.
- [ ] Compile your information.
- [ ] Share with your network.

Gather your support network.

Who can you rely on?

- Friends
- Family
- Co-workers
- Church members

These people will **help support you if you are detained.**

If you **don't have anyone nearby** to support you, you can **contact a local legal service** and ask for assistance. (List on page NUMBER)

Connect your network to each other.

- Share phone numbers and emails.
- Share the contact information of your legal aid.
- Share copies of your plan.
- Share copies of all documents.

Assign specific duties to specific people.

- If you have children/pets, who will take care of them?
- Who will contact your employer on your behalf?
- Who has a key to your home?
- Who is your **primary contact? (point person)**

Memorize the phone number of your primary contact.

If detained, ICE is required to give you a phone call. **Call your primary contact. This 'point person' will put your plan in place if you are detained.**

Childcare and custody.

Make a plan for your children in case you are detained/deported.

Check out this comprehensive free guide from Florence Project:

Find legal support.

Contact an immigration attorney.

- Schedule **a consultation with an immigration attorney** and follow all their advice.
  - There are many free or low-cost legal services available in Arizona.
    - Look up the **National Immigration Legal Services Directory.**
      - Click on Arizona and check out free resources near you.

National Immigration Legal Services Directory

List of Consulates in Arizona

Contact your country's consulate.

- Have the contact information for your country's nearest consulate.
  - Many consulates have an emergency number for cases where you need immediate assistance.
- Have the consulate's number written down in case ICE detains you.

Compile your information. (1/2)

- Full legal name and pronunciation
- All nicknames
- All languages you speak
- Country of origin
- Birthday
- Family information (phone #s, emails, WhatsApp, etc)
- Medical conditions/ medication needs
- Height, weight, hair color, eye color
- Any distinguishing features (tattoos, piercings, birthmarks, scars--anything that could help identify you)
- Current pictures
    - Front view, profile view, full body picture
- Copies of important documents
    - See PAGE #
- Copies of documents that show how long you've been in the United States.
    - Birth certificates, U.S. income tax returns, utility bills, leases, school records, medical records, or bank records.

Put copies of all this information into a secure online folder or location you and your network can access by phone.

Compile your information. (2/2)

from nslegalaid.org

Carrying proof of your legal status can help prevent unnecessary arrest or detention. Recommended documents to carry, include:

- **Birth certificate**
  - People are being profiled/ stopped/ taken regardless of citizenship status, so prepare!
- **Green Card (I-551)**
  - Confirms your status as a lawful permanent resident.
- **Arrival/Departure Record (I-94), Stamped Passport, or Travel Documents**
  - Verifies lawful entry into the U.S.
- **Employment Authorization Card**
  - Shows you are legally permitted to work in the U.S.
- **Approval Notice (I-797)**
  - Confirms approval for a specific immigration status or benefit.
- **State-Issued ID or Driver's License**
  - Provides an official form of identification.

Scan whichever **documents you have and upload them somewhere safe offline.** Have multiple people in your support network **hold onto physical copies** as well.

This is in case your original documents are seized and not returned to you.

After gathering info, here are your next steps.

- **Organize** your personal information, your support networks' contact info, and legal contact information.
- **Share all information digitally** and **print out copies** of your info for your support network.
- **Connect your network with your family**/other support systems if they're outside of the country. (Short introductions and shared plans)
    - If that's not possible, at least **let your other network know** they might be contacted in case of an emergency

Know Your Rights Materials and other resources.

Here are a few places to start looking if you want to learn more about immigration law.

- **Informed Immigrant:**
    - https://www.informedimmigrant.com/
- **National Immigration Law Center (NILC):**
    - https://www.nilc.org/
- **Immigrants Rising:**
    - https://immigrantsrising.org

IF ICE shows up at your door:

- You have constitutional rights:
  - **DO NOT OPEN THE DOOR** if an immigration agent is knocking on the door.
  - **DO NOT ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS** from an immigration agent if they try to talk to you. **You have the right to remain silent.**
  - **DO NOT SIGN ANYTHING** without first **speaking to a lawyer.** You have the right to speak with a lawyer.
  - If you are outside of your home, **ask the agent if you are free to leave,** and if they say yes, **leave calmly.**

Say:

- I do not wish to speak with you, answer your questions, or sign or hand you any documents based on my 5th Amendment rights under the United States Constitution.
- I do not give you permission to enter my home based on my 4th Amendment rights under the United States Constitution unless you have a warrant to enter, signed by a judge or magistrate with my name on it that you slide under the door.
- I do not give you permission to search any of my belongings based on my 4th Amendment rights.
- I choose to exercise my constitutional rights.

Get a copy of this information from the Immigrant Legal Resource Center. Search for “red card immigration”

Si el ICE aparece en tu puerta:

- Usted tiene derechos constitucionales:
  - NO ABRA LA PUERTA si un agente de inmigración está tocando la puerta.
  - NO CONTESTE NINGUNA PREGUNTA de un agente de inmigración si trata de hablar con usted. Usted tiene el derecho a guardar silencio.
  - NO FIRME NADA sin antes hablar con un abogado. Usted tiene el derecho de hablar con un abogado.
  - Si usted está fuera de su casa, pregúntele al agente si tiene la libertad de irse y si le dice que sí, váyase con tranquilidad.
  - ENTRÉGUELE ESTA TARJETA EL AGENTE. Si usted está dentro de su casa, muestre la tarjeta por la ventana o pásela debajo de la puerta.

- Di esto en inglés. (¡Practica antes!)
  - I do not wish to speak with you, answer your questions, or sign or hand you any documents based on my 5th Amendment rights under the United States Constitution.
  - I do not give you permission to enter my home based on my 4th Amendment rights under the United States Constitution unless you have a warrant to enter, signed by a judge or magistrate with my name on it that you slide under the door.
  - I do not give you permission to search any of my belongings based on my 4th Amendment rights.
  - I choose to exercise my constitutional rights.

Puede obtener una copia de esta información en el Centro de Recursos Legales para Inmigrantes. Busque "tarjeta roja de inmigración".

What your network can do if ICE detains you (1/4)

- You are legally required to get a phone call.
  - Call your primary contact so they can put your plan in place and ensure your wishes are respected.

- **Basic Rights**
  - You have the right to remain silent.
  - You can request to speak with a lawyer.
  - You are entitled to receive visits from your lawyer, family, and consulate if detained.
  - Do not sign anything without a lawyer.

Wearing an AirTag: something to consider

If you're worried about being taken to an undisclosed location that your support system can't track, consider wearing an AirTag or another similar tracker. It can help them locate you if you're transported across state lines.

(Tracking location isn't always accurate, but it can be helpful. Consider the benefits and risks with your support system.)

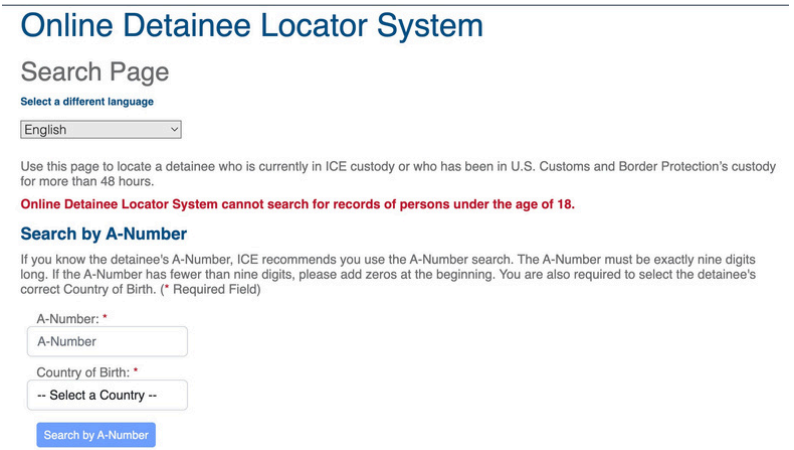
What to do if you don't get a phone call:

Have your network enact your plan after a pre-set amount of time.

- For example, if your primary contact doesn't hear from you in 24 hours, they will proceed with the plan as if you were detained.

What your network can do if ICE detains you (2/4)

- Tell your loved ones that if you are detained by ICE, they can try to use ICE's online detainee locator to find you.
  - They'll need your date of birth and country of origin.
  - Have them look up Online Detainee Locator System
    - locator.ice.gov/odls/#/search


Online Detainee Locator System
Search Page
Select a different language
English
Use this page to locate a detainee who is currently in ICE custody or who has been in U.S. Customs and Border Protection's custody for more than 48 hours.
Online Detainee Locator System cannot search for records of persons under the age of 18.
Search by A-Number
If you know the detainee's A-Number, ICE recommends you use the A-Number search. The A-Number must be exactly nine digits long. If the A-Number has fewer than nine digits, please add zeros at the beginning. You are also required to select the detainee's correct Country of Birth. (* Required Field)
A-Number: *
A-Number
Country of Birth: *
-- Select a Country --
Search by A-Number

They can search by **A-Number** or **biographical information.**

What your network can do if ICE detains you (3/4)

An **Alien Registration Number (A-number)** is a unique identifier assigned to non-U.S. citizens by the U.S. immigration system, used to track their immigration history and applications.

- It typically appears on official documents like green cards and employment authorization documents.

ICE recommends using the A-number search.

- The A-number must be exactly **nine digits long.**
- If the A-number has fewer than nine digits, please add zeros at the beginning.
- You are also required to select the detainee's correct **Country of Birth.**

If they search by **Biographical Information:**

- When searching by name, a detainee's first and last names are required and must be an exact match (e.g., John Doe will not find Jon Doe or John Doe-Smith).
- When inputting a hyphenated last name into the Online Detainee Locator System, please include hyphen in order for the locator to find the individual (e.g., Doe-Smith).
    - You are also required to select the detainee's Country of Birth.

What your network can do if ICE detains you (4/4)

You, your family, or emergency contacts can contact the local ICE Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO) office to **initiate an ICE Case Review process.**

You can find your local ERO office below. Have supporting documents ready.

ERO Offices in AZ

Eloy- OPLA (Office of the Principal Legal Advisor)
Office of the Principal Legal Advisor, Phoenix
Eloy Detention Center
1705 East Hanna Road
Eloy, AZ 85131
(520) 464-3032

Florence - OPLA (Office of the Principal Legal Advisor)
Office of the Principal Legal Advisor, Phoenix (Florence)
Florence Detention Center
3250 N. Pinal Parkway Avenue
Florence, AZ 85132
(520) 868-3310

Phoenix - OPLA (Office of the Principal Legal Advisor)
Office of the Principal Legal Advisor, Phoenix
2035 N. Central Avenue
Phoenix, AZ 85004
(602) 744-2412
Area of Responsibility: Arizona

Phoenix - ERO
Phoenix Field Office
2035 N. Central Avenue
Phoenix, AZ 85004
(602) 257-5900
Area of Responsibility: Arizona
Email: Phoenix.Outreach@ice.dhs.gov

Phoenix - OPE (Office of Partnership and Engagement)
Phoenix - Community Relations Officer
4041 North Central Ave, Ste 1650
Phoenix, AZ 85012

More Resources in Arizona

- Puente Movement for Migrant Justice
- Florence Project
- Trans Queer Pueblo (An LGBTQ+ migrant community of color in Arizona)
- ACLU of Arizona
- Arizona Legal Women and Youth Services (ALWAYS)
- Chicanos por la Causa Immigration
- Arizona Asian American Association
- Valley Interfaith Project
- Living United for Change in Arizona (LUCHA)
- Poder in Action

Remember, hang in there and take care of yourself! (and each other!)